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SJSU hosts video game tourney



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Students compete in a tournament-style match of NCAA Football '11 during a video game competition near the Student Union on Tuesday.

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Twelve flat screen TVs were set up on the Ninth Street walkway for SJSU students to take part in a video game challenge Tuesday.

Brought to SJSU by LG Electronics, The EA Sports NCAA Football Challenge is a video game tournament and part of its 2010 tour.

Students signed up and played against their peers Tuesday on the side of the Student Union for a chance to compete at the Rose Bowl in January.

"I was just walking home and I saw the screens up," said Solomon Cooper, a junior environmental studies major.

The tour is a video game tournament stopping at 41 locations across the country including 16 college campuses, said Jay Kennedy, the form editor for the challenge.

"At each school we narrow it down to one winner who will receive a trip for themselves and a guest for the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on New Year's Day

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Thieves target campus bicycles

REBECCA HENDERSON

Staff Writer

Bicycle theft tends to be a recurring problem on the SJSU campus, according to the public information officer for the SJSU University Police Department.

Sgt. Manuel Aguayo said theft is the No. 1 crime on the SJSU campus, with bicycles being the most common property stolen.

Aguayo said on average 100 bicycles are stolen from campus each year.

Seventy-three bicycle thefts have happened this year, which is a slight increase from last year with 61 bicycles stolen, he said.

This semester alone, there has been a huge surge of bicycle riders to campus, said Eyedin Zonobi, the manager of Transportation Solutions.

"There are even more bikes this semester," he said. "I would say like 800 or 900 bikes coming to campus, so this makes a haven for

bike thieves and they can definitely target and steal bikes that are easy to take."

In 2009, Aguayo said six people were arrested for bicycle theft and two people were arrested for possession of a stolen bicycle.

In 2010, six people have been arrested, Aguayo said.

He said bicycles are high in demand in downtown San Jose and once they are stolen they are immediately sold because bicycles are easy to sell and easy to take apart.

Caitlin Lorimer, a junior occupational therapy major, said she likes to check on her bicycle every once in a while.

"I'm always wondering when I come get my bike if it's going to be there or not," she said.

Aguayo said some of the hotspots for bicycle theft on campus are outside the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, outside of the

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Senate bill to simplify CSU student transfer process

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Staff Writer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill Wednesday that will make the process of transferring from community colleges to California State Universities more streamlined, according to a press release from the governor's office in Sacramento.

Senate Bill 1440, also called the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, is a bill by Senator Alex Padilla establishing a transfer degree from community colleges according to the press release.

Previously, articulation and transfer agreements were the closest thing students had to an organized way out of community college, said Michael Kaufman, the SJSU academic senate chairman.

Articulation agreements are partnerships between California community colleges and CSUs that determine relevant coursework for lower-division and upper-division classes, Kaufman said.

"The bill says that in 60 units at a community col-

lege, you are supposed to have completed the transfer degree to be guaranteed admission somewhere," he said.

Kaufman said the bill is supposed to help avoid the kind of duplication that happens when students don't understand what classes to take and what requirements to meet.

"It makes it a little bit more clear what you have to take," he said. "But the devil is in those details because the CSU campus that you go to can't require you to take classes that are similar."

Psychology professor Mark Van Selst, who has worked on projects similar to SB 1440, stated in a e-mail that in general, no lower-division course can be transferable as an upper-division course.

"The upper-division status attributed to a course implicitly makes representation that the course is different from and requires more preparation than a lower-division course," Van Selst stated.

Upper-division courses should contain information and/or require students to

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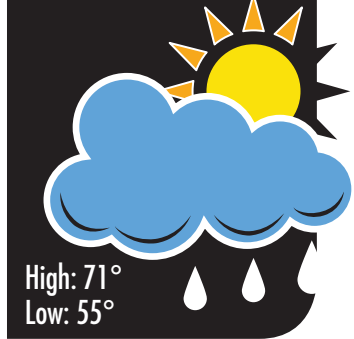


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OUTSIDE



Pedestrian accidents afflict San Jose

MICHIKO FULLER

Staff Writer

The car door opened, there was a thunk and Samuel Thorp, a senior business management major, hit the ground.

"I honestly couldn't tell you what happened," he said "It was so fast. I think I went off my bike sideways."

Thorp is an example of one pedestrian accident in San Jose, which has one of the highest rates in the country according to San Jose Police Department.

Lt. Chris Monahan, commander of traffic en-

forcement, said bicycle accidents are the minority in pedestrian accidents and only hit and run and fatalities are investigated by the police department.

Twelve out of 33 traffic-related fatalities in 2009 were pedestrian, according to the SJPd website.

"I'm about due for another accident," Thorp said. "You're on the road so much, somewhere down the line you're going to get in an accident."

Bicyclists should ride slowly through high-foot-traffic areas because it's hard to predict where oth-

ers are going, Thorp said. Monahan said the traf-

“It was so fast. I think I went off my bike sideways.”

SAMUEL THORPE
Senior business management

fic accidents around SJSU are proportionate to the

heavy volume of foot traffic around campus.

The closest problem areas to SJSU are at the corner of 11th and Keyes streets and 11th and Santa Clara streets, which ranked 18 and 19 respectively on the list of top traffic accident areas in San Jose, he said.

The most traffic accidents in San Jose occur on Capitol Expressway, according to Monahan.

Seven of the top 10 accidents have occurred there, he said.

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Counselor Veronica Mendoza (right) speaks with Abhinav Sunkavalli, a freshman management information systems major, about time management during a workshop geared towards first-generation college students Tuesday.

Students learn what to ask in interviews

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The Career Center hosted a workshop designed to help students get over interview jitters and learn techniques on appearing professional took place Tuesday.

"Really it's kind of trying to take the fear out of interviewing and realize that it's a two-way process between the employer and the candidate," said Anita Manuel, a career counselor and program manager with the Career Center. "They also can ask questions of the employer to really understand if this is a good fit for them."

Senior business major Julie Nguyen said she attended the workshop to pick up tips for an upcoming job interview she got through the Career Center.

"I learned how to present myself," she said. "For the first (interview) they focus on your behavior, the way you look, and the way you act."

Monir Monfared, a graduate student in theater arts, said she came to the workshop so she could prepare for the job interview she had the next day.

"It was really helpful," she

said. "The questions that you have to ask after the interview to the interviewer — I was surprised that you do have to ask some questions. I wasn't aware of that."

Manuel said that interview skills are some of the main topics that students are concerned with, especially following the job fair when students start getting calls for interviews.

"I'm hoping that what they get out of it is that they do have marketable skills," she said. "They really can answer most of the interview questions that come up by thinking about their top three strengths and qualifications and giving examples of how they have used those skills."

Preparation is a big part of the interview process, Manuel said.

"Students may not always prepare ahead of time, and knowing that helps a lot too," she said.

Senior business major Christopher Hannon said he decided to come to the workshop so that he is ready for job interviews after he graduates this fall.

"In January my full-time job will be looking for a job," he said. "So I'm trying to take

advantage of the Career Center which has won awards for being a good career center, so I'm making sure I take advantage of that right now while I need it and while it's available."

Hannon said it's important to consider the underlying reasons behind a question that an interviewer may ask you during an interview.

"Sometimes the words are covering up the real motivation underneath the question," he said. "What they really want to know about you is whether you are committed to the organization, how interested you are and stuff like that."

According to the Career Center brochure, no more interview skills workshops will be held this semester.

There will be other workshops covering topics such as resume building, career exploring and job and internship searches which are held weekly throughout the semester.

Career coaching is also available to students on an appointment or drop-in basis, in which career consultants provide coaching to SJSU students on a variety of topics, including interview skills.

Fraternity reaches out to neighbors through volunteering

JAIMIE COLLINS
Staff Writer

SJSU's Gamma Epsilon chapter of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity is partnering with its neighbors, the Art and Wellness Studio, in an effort to better the surrounding community, said the fraternity's philanthropy chairman.

"The studio is great place for its members to come and express their feelings and enrich their lives," senior kinesiology major Victor Delgado said.

The studio is a branch of San Jose's Grace Community Center and is a nonprofit organization with a goal of raising awareness of rehabilitative recreation services for adults with mental illnesses, according to studio manager Lisa Giovannetti.

This is the first semester the fraternity has lived next door on 10th Street, Delgado said, and the relationship with the studio started when he requested use of the parking lot for a blood drive.

"I had no idea what type of organization they were," he said.

Delgado said the studio, which was created in May 2009, has been hosting an ongoing art project for the past month in which the fraternity and several other campus organizations have been participating.

"Students should engage with their surroundings instead of simply observing," said junior dance major Melissa Ethers. "Community service is both helpful to others and fulfilling for volunteers."

Fraternity President Marco Negrete Jr. said Delta Sigma Phi was also invited to participate in the studio's Disability Awareness Day collaborative art project on Oct. 7.

"We wanted to establish a good relationship with our neighbors as well as find a way that we can help their center," he said. "I think a lot of students might know people who have a mental or physical disability and this would motivate them to get involved."

Junior kinesiology major Kristina Martin said students should take advantage of the opportunity.

"It's encouraging to know

that there is a place to do community service so close to campus," she said. "I'm glad the fraternity is trying to get people involved."

The studio encourages students to volunteer and offers a variety of community service options, Negrete said.

"We always value student involvement at the center as we feel it builds a stronger

the studio is and the members they support.

"Students walk by and sometimes make the judgments that the studio is some type of halfway home and that their members are mentally unstable," he said. "This is far from the truth. Some of these members have lost everything due to their illness and the studio is a place where they are safe."

Providing recreational services, the studio hosts a variety of art therapy programs, including yoga, anger management and daily meditation, Giovannetti said.

"I think if students had a chance to meet these people they would see how amazing and caring they truly are," Delgado said. "They admire that we are students devoted to bettering ourselves as we strive for a better education."

Junior nursing major Amanda Rodriguez said she believes all students should participate in efforts to better the community and that the studio sounds like a great opportunity.

"Volunteering is a great way to interact with your community," she said. "It provides a perfect way to give back."

In recognition of its participation and assistance, Delgado said the studio honored the fraternity with an art piece featuring its Greek letters.

"Our relationship with the studio is a strong connection of caring neighbors," he said. "I look forward to building an even stronger relationship with the studio and its members."

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Student Union, Inc. Fall Events

OCT 11	Alice in Chains w/Deftones & Mastodon 7 PM \$39.50 (Gen. Adm.) Event Center
OCT 13	Dalai Lama Teaching 9:30 AM \$35 (Res.), \$20 (Student) Event Center
OCT 14	Michael Moore 7 PM \$25 (Res.), \$15 (Student) Morris Dailey Auditorium
OCT 29	Lady Antebellum w/David Nail 7:30 PM \$34.50 (Gen. Adm. & Res.) Event Center

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Student Union and around Campus Village.

"Bicycles are usually stolen in a matter of seconds," he said. "We have caught thieves on campus outside of the library. They usually walk around the bicycle looking left to right before taking it."

Zonobi said most of the bikes that are stolen are from open racks and every once in a while reports are taken of bicycles being stolen or stripped from inside the caged racks.

"Some of the bikes we see that are stripped inside the cages," he said. "That's because people just abandoned them leaving them there for a long time and I guess others notice it and they start stripping them."

Helpful tips to combat theft:

- Make sure to lock your bicycle to a rack or in a designated area.
- Use a U-lock instead of a cable lock because a cable lock is easier to break apart.
- Make sure you lock your bicycle around the frame as well as the tires.
- Engrave your license somewhere on your bicycle. In case your bicycle is found an officer will run the number through the system.
- Have proof of personal belongings receipt of purchase. Have the manufacture number, model number, color and a photo.
- Keep constant communication between the University and UPD. Report all suspicious activity.

Freshman biochemistry major Andrew Thanh explains how he secures his bicycle to UPD.

"I lock the front tire with the frame itself to the bike stand, so that they can't take the front

wheel or the frame itself," he said.

A year ago, Associated Students and UPD funded a small project giving away a couple hundred free U-locks to pro-

mote bike theft prevention, Zonobi said.

"We are almost at the end of this program and we have some U-locks still available," he said.

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The Comeback Kid

Roberto Castañeda overcomes poverty, two dropouts to play soccer for SJSU

ISAIAH GUZMAN
Staff Writer

Early last month, as a late-summer dusk settled on Spartan Stadium and the SJSU men's soccer team took the field for its home opener against UC Riverside, Maria Castañeda settled into her seat and found her son's eyes.

On the field, Spartans center midfielder Roberto Castañeda spotted his mom and started developing a knot in his throat. He blew her a kiss, she blew one back and the knot got bigger.

"I wanted to cry," he said. "Because my parents hadn't seen me play since I was 13, and I'm 22."

The two-hour drive Maria had just made from her home in Los Banos was nothing compared to the journey her family took 15 years earlier to get to the U.S.

Maria, Roberto and his older sister, Lucia, crossed the Tijuana border illegally when Roberto was seven years old. They came to reunite with Roberto's father, Enrique, who had left Mexico years earlier with his other sons, Hector and Jorge, in search of work in the fruit and vegetable fields of Watsonville.

He couldn't earn enough in the Michoacan village of Cupuan del Rio, even when he began growing and selling marijuana, like many people in the area did to put food on the table, Castañeda said.

"Poverty over there, I can't explain it," he said. "I remember if I would get a ball, that ball would be patched up at least like 25 times."

Castañeda's parents had not come to his games in years because they spent most of their time working. Hector was on the job again late this day, but Maria, who doesn't work much now because of an on-the-job injury, didn't want to miss her son's first regular-season game with an American university.

"We went to work very hard because we have four children and we needed to put them first," Maria said in Spanish. "We made the minimum, very little."

Now a junior public relations major, Castañeda is playing his first full season for the Spartans as a transfer out of Cabrillo College. He has notched a goal and an assist and has started every game. He is also maturing into a team leader, said SJSU head coach Gary St. Clair.

But this isn't Castañeda's first time in a Spartans jersey.

He was recruited in 2006 by St. Clair as a freshman out of Watsonville High during the 2004-2005 season, but he dropped out of SJSU twice before returning this fall.

Castañeda said he left SJSU the first time in 2006, because he couldn't afford tuition and his SAT scores were too low to be considered for a scholarship.

He saved money, came back and played with the Spartans for the exhibition Spring 2007 schedule, but his grades dropped below eligibility and he missed the fall season.

Castañeda got his grades back up in the spring of 2008, but said he got discouraged when St. Clair told him he would have to

wait until the following season to play. At the time, Castañeda said he was working at FedEx from 3-7 a.m., commuting from Watsonville for a 9 a.m. class, going to practice until 5:30 p.m. and then driving back home.

"Sometimes, I would just be dozing off on Highway 17," he said. "I started drinking energy drinks."

He dropped out again.

In hindsight, Castañeda said his problem was his soccer-first, school-second mentality.

"My writing sucked," he said of his first semester at SJSU. "I could not put together a simple sentence."

Academics in a second language, after all, had never come as easy to Castañeda as soccer.

"He's the type of player that when we used to play indoor soccer people would ask, 'Who do you have on your team?'" Jorge, 27, recalled. "We would say Beto and people would say, 'Crap, you're going to beat us.' People always noticed him."

After dropping out the second time, Castañeda moved back to Watsonville and started working three jobs. He packed flowers for a flower-shipping company, worked FedEx in the mornings and ran concessions at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk during the summer.

"I'm hella tired," he remembered thinking. "I don't want to do this the rest of my life. I'm messing up."

Castañeda started thinking about all his parents' work to give him the chance at a college education in the U.S.

He started thinking about Maria's perseverance to reunite her family.

It had taken her two tries to get them across the border. On the first, Maria was caught by immigration officers while trying to crawl under a fence. A week later, after she was deported back to Mexico, she ran the kids through a check point when a customs agent had looked away.

"When that happened, I was scared," Castañeda said. "I was a little kid. I didn't want to go under the rope, but my mom pushed me."

Castañeda considered all this, and decided to sign up for Cabrillo College in the fall of 2008, with the intention of returning to SJSU. He said he gave his academics more attention and raised what had been a 1.9 GPA when he left SJSU to a 2.9 by the time he came back.

On the field, he earned all-American honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and helped Cabrillo reach the state Final Four tournament.

But, after leaving SJSU twice, it would take more than good grades and success at the junior college level for St. Clair to give Castañeda another shot. Castañeda would have to come back as a walk on. He'd have to earn a spot.

"There's no question that Beto needed to prove something to our program," St. Clair said.

But Castañeda has done that, he said.

"He's become extremely focused," St. Clair said. "Trust me, I don't see many



Junior midfielder Roberto Castañeda sticks his neck out for a header in a 2-1 victory over University of San Francisco on Sept. 26 at Spartan Stadium.

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MULTIMEDIA

To see more on Castaneda's journey to the U.S., visit: news.sjsu.edu/category/multimedia

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Effective October 1, 2010, the fines for parking violations on the San Jose State University campus will increase in order to offset an increase in the State surcharge that is withheld from each violation and retained by the State of California. The increased State surcharge is a mandatory collection for the purposes of funding the construction, renovation and lease of State Court and detention facilities throughout the state.

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Punjab Café is a spicy addition to downtown San Jose

JUSTIN ALBERT
Tech Editor

It's no secret that Downtown San Jose is riddled with its fair share of taquerias, pho establishments and a standard array of American bar and grills, but that doesn't mean there aren't places one can go for authentic and delicious meals outside of the typical downtown fare.

Enter Punjab Café, a small restaurant specializing in, you guessed it, authentic Indian cuisine.

Nestled between 7th and 8th streets on Santa Clara street, the restaurant notified me of a 10 percent discount for being an SJSU student.

In its fourth month open, Punjab Café has slowly been establishing itself as an affordable place to find traditional Indian cuisine made with fresh ingredients that incorporate authentic cultural recipes, I can't argue, for Punjab Café delivers on all fronts, offering a daunting selection of authentic meals at prices that are student-friendly.

"There's nothing to hide," said owner of Punjab Café, Ananda Pudasaini. "My brother has been a chef for 15 years and he went to culinary school in India. We're family owned and operated."

Upon entering the rather narrow restaurant, I could sense the

homey atmosphere as Pudasaini informed me of the most popular dishes.

Punjab Café's menu ranges from commonly ordered dishes such as the chicken tikka masala and rogan josh to more obscure menu items such as chat papri and mushroom bhaji.

"Everything comes fresh, we don't have a refrigerator," Puda-

saini said. "We start at 8 a.m. every morning to prepare the food for the day."

After narrowing down my options, which was no easy task I might add, I settled on the butter chicken. Pudasaini happily obliged me by indicating the spiciness of all the items of the menu could be changed to the customers liking.

For good measure, I ordered

a side of paratha, Indian bread topped with garlic and cilantro.

Pudasaini said that customers who are not familiar with Indian food often get paratha mixed up with the more common naan bread.

"Naan is not Indian bread, it originates from the Middle East," he said. "Paratha is traditional Punjabi bread."



Punjab Café's menu includes a variety of Indian cuisine, including dishes such as the butter chicken and chicken tikka masala.

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I had barely begun to mull over this newfound fact when my meal had arrived at my table served with a heaping side of traditional basmati rice.

The butter chicken had an amazing consistency and paired well with the crisp texture of the paratha, combining an array of spices and flavor that brought about a surge of happiness unbeknownst to me.

The amount of spiciness was just right, enough to satisfy my cravings for hot food but not too overdone as to leave my tongue scorched and my forehead dotted with sweat.

Between the bread, rice and a decent-sized serving of butter chicken, I finished my meal happily bloated.

I was tempted to have a go at the several traditional Indian desserts, such as an Indian rice pudding known as kheer, but I decided to hold back in fear of losing my mobility and slipping into a food coma.

All in all, I left the Punjab Café not only knowing that I had eaten a delicious and filling meal, but also with the happy conclusion that I had supported a genuine and authentic family establishment.

For those of you who are over the redundancy of downtown cuisine, I recommend cruising over to Santa Clara street to get your fix of something different.

SJSU ASSOCIATED STUDENTS César E. Chávez Community Action Center

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Students debate state drug policy

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Staff Writer

“Yes on Pot, No on Prop. 19” was the argument written up on the board of the Costanoan room in the Student Union early Tuesday evening. Students slowly filled the room to listen to a debate hosted by the Students for Sensible Drug Policy. According to the organization’s Facebook page, it is an international organization on campus made up of students who are concerned with the effect drugs have on the community.

Their purpose is to encourage young adults to take part in the political process. Mitchell Colbert, a senior political science major, said he is the current president of the SJSU chapter of the organization and also a member of the SJSU speech and debate team. Colbert said he used his connection to both organizations to bring the debate to SJSU students. “I wanted to bring an unbiased debate to campus,” he said. “My goal was to get information out there to the public and I hope people will make their own educated decisions.” Colbert said he was also a participant in the debate arguing for “Yes on 19.” Sophomore communications major Maxwell Tenney is a West Valley Community College student and said she

came to SJSU on the advice of his argumentation and debate professor. Tenney said he thought the debate went well and that both sides presented good arguments. “It definitely helped influence my vote and I have become a lot more educated about the issue,” he said. “And I thought they were both very educated about the issue as well.” Maria Makarian, a senior social work major, said she didn’t know much about Prop. 19, even though she was lean-

ing toward voting to legalize marijuana. “I feel like I gained a lot of knowledge and I was surprised to have been agreeing a lot with the ‘No’ side,” she said. Senior nursing major Arielle Medina said she thought the debate was interesting. “It gave me another perspective on the ‘No’ side ... although I do agree with passing pot, there are a lot of negatives to it,” Medina said. “He brought up a lot of good points and it gives me something to think about.” The debate had four par-

ticipants, two arguing for the proposition and two arguing against it. The four basic arguments that went back and forth between the debaters were the historical roots of hemp and marijuana, the civil liberties and civil rights implications, the environment and the economic impact. Colbert said he thought it was important that students see a different type of debate than the presidential ones shown on TV. “What we did today was, we had a real academic, schol-

arly debate,” he said. “We were providing evidence before the court of the students.” Medina said debates like this one are important for students to attend. “It gives really good points on both sides,” she said. “I learned a lot and I thought I was educated on it, but I learned a lot just from this debate.” Makarian said going to a debate such as this one was a real eye-opener before the election. “It will affect us even if we don’t realize it and it’s important to be knowledgeable and

vote on our state’s policies,” she said. “Because we’re getting to that age where it will effect us and our families.” The next debate the organization will be hosting will be held on Oct. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Umunhum Room of the Student Union, Colbert said. Joe McNamara, a former San Jose Police Chief, and Bishop Ron Allen will be debating the proposition, he said. McNamara will be arguing for “Yes on Prop. 19,” while Allen will argue for “No on Prop. 19,” Colbert said.

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to compete against the other winners,” Kennedy said. SJSU is the second school the tournament has stopped at, said Topp Taylor, the announcer on the tour. “The winner will represent the Spartans and fight for \$10,000,” Taylor said. “It is a pretty cool and a fun game,” junior hospitality major Matt Kennedy said. “I am waiting to play the winner of this game. I kind of just use the same plays each time. I don’t have very many strategies.” Taylor said that he has seen a lot of video game talent so far at SJSU. “Right now, the guys here that are just in mix are better than the guy that won the whole tournament last year,” he said. “So, you know, as it stands right now whoever wins this tournament has a pretty good shot of winning the whole 10 grand. I’m seeing it. You have some talent up here.” Taylor said he is enjoying himself at these competitions. “We have an absolute ball,” he said. “We get to come out and show off a game that has been around for almost two decades. It is kind of like giving back to everybody who has done so much for us. We have a really good time.” Freshman business major Dewight Mondaine said he found the tournament entertaining. “I mean it gives back to the school,” Mondaine said. “It is for people who want to do activities that aren’t your usual recreational thing and it is temporary.” Solomon Cooper said he would recommend the experience to anyone if the tournament comes back to SJSU. “It is fun,” Cooper said. “I just lost, but it was entertaining and a nice experience.” The winner of the tournament at SJSU was not announced and unavailable for comments.

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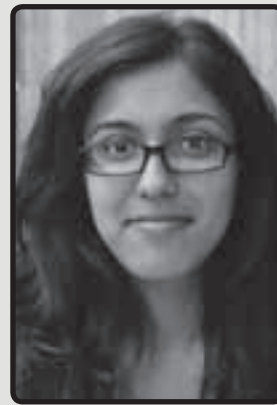
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DO YOU PREFER READING
NEWSPAPERS ONLINE OR IN PRINT?OLIVIA
THOMASJunior
Environmental
Studies

Definitely in print. There is just something that feels good about holding it. I know it sounds weird but, I don't know, ever since I was a kid, that's where I have the fondest memories of reading.

NGOC
DIEPJunior
Business
Management

I really don't take my time to stop by to read it in print because you just pass by and unless its something that catches your eyes and stuff. So I prefer reading it online.

UDITA
PLAHASophomore
Mechanical
Engineering

I like the print newspapers because it's easier for me to find stuff, but I also like the online thing just because it's simple — simpler to get to it. But if I'm walking around campus, I always pick up a newspaper from the stand.

RYAN
CAJESJunior
Computer
Engineering

I prefer online just because it's easier to read, and if I need to cross reference any materials, it's easy to look up. And it's more convenient.

JAGZ
SINGHGraduate
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Engineering

Reading online is good in some ways that if you are where you cannot get a newspaper — typed newspaper — then you can read it online.

DANIEL
MAGGIOJunior
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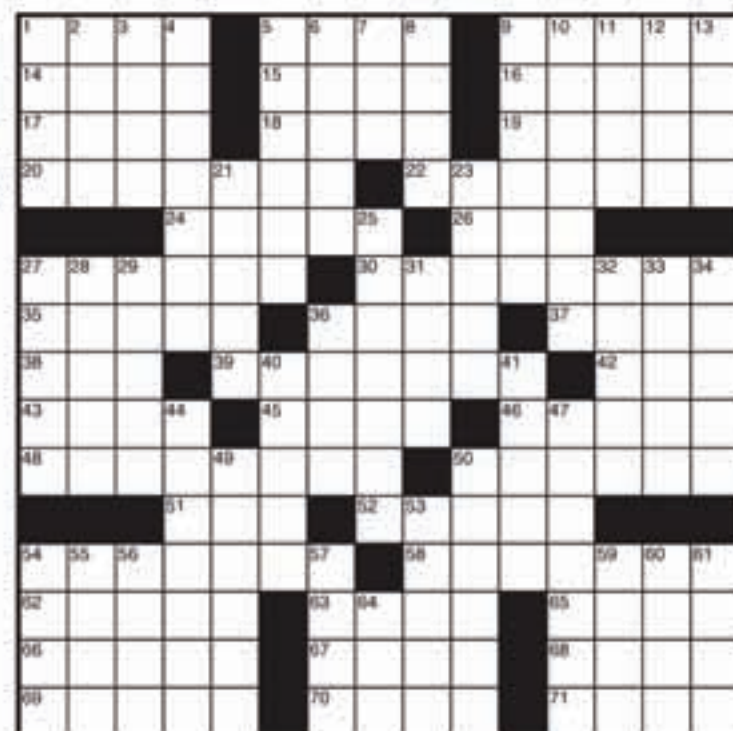
ACROSS

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- 5 Trucker, often
- 9 Very pale
- 14 Mournful wail
- 15 Bylaw
- 16 Oak pin
- 17 Feel sad
- 18 Writer — Bagnold
- 19 Dishwasher cycle
- 20 Hunted illegally
- 22 Party animal
- 24 Royal pronoun
- 26 Govt. agency
- 27 Rose pests
- 30 Malefactor
- 35 Do a double-take
- 36 Siberian river
- 37 — Vannelli of pop
- 38 Onassis nickname
- 39 Cop
- 42 Ball club VIP
- 43 Quick snack
- 45 Snag a dogie
- 46 Receded
- 48 Most willowy
- 50 Goes rancid
- 51 Royal pronoun
- 52 Scare badly
- 54 Left out
- 58 Thumbed a ride
- 62 Wheel spokes
- 63 Footnote abbr. (2 wds.)
- 65 London park
- 66 Ford or Miller
- 67 Big name in speakers
- 68 Unclose
- 69 Overly theatrical

- 70 Nailed obliquely
- 71 Longings

DOWN

- 1 Yokums' creator
- 2 Spicy stew
- 3 — Hari (Garbo role)
- 4 Fortune-teller
- 5 Fish baskets
- 6 Cake-pan type
- 7 Yale athlete
- 8 Crayola choices
- 9 Posh hotel lobby
- 10 Blowout
- 11 Shanghai warehouse
- 12 Besides
- 13 Not e'en once
- 21 Was compelled (2 wds.)
- 23 During
- 25 Movies-to-be
- 27 Sheikh, usually
- 28 Hazard
- 29 Caribbean nation
- 31 Road rally
- 32 Rain clouds
- 33 Venezuela falls
- 34 Serts' masters
- 36 "The X-Files" topic
- 40 Jacques, in song
- 41 Move, as a ficus
- 44 Hamming it up
- 47 Chinese veggie (2 wds.)
- 49 Uprising
- 50 Ready for the laundry



- 53 Moon position
- 54 PTA and NEA
- 55 Brewer's grain
- 56 The very —!
- 57 Credit card balance, e.g.
- 59 Media excess
- 60 Idyllic spot
- 61 Family rooms
- 64 As well as

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ETCHED	UMBER	
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BUNG	TRESS	SLAY

Previous Solution

Something secret, something to keep to yourself

Everyone has secrets — secrets that can never be shared. Whether we like it or not, secrets are in everyone’s lives.

They can control the way we act on a daily basis, depending on how the secret evolves.

Secrets can be devious and sinister, and may eventually evolve into rumors.

People try as hard as they can to prevent the rumor part from happening. Unfortunately just like evolution, rumors can somehow arise unconsciously without anyone ever realizing it.

Then there are those secrets you hope no one ever finds out — things that people would be willing to spill blood over to keep others from finding out.

Fortunately, the blood has already long been drained as some people have no problems with piling up more skeletons in their closets.

I seem to be constantly unknowingly buying out storage spaces as my never-end-



LEONARD LAI
Senior Staff Writer

ing supply of dog chew toys and Halloween decorations grow.

There seems to be one skeleton I overlooked, one that I had thrown in long ago and buried deeply, that now seems to have come back to life, making its way to the closet door.

I might have had this secret now for more than a year, and now it’s becoming something that I’m afraid to let see the light of day.

I don’t know what’s triggered it, but it seems to be eating away at me, as if my core is being poisoned by it.

“Sharing is caring” is not an expression I would ever affiliate with secrets, as I definitely don’t want this to secret to spread into a rumor. It seems my only choice is to let this secret fester within me and take control.

Secrets aren’t always something I can grab by the tail, shake and tame so that they’ll listen to me.

It would be as if I were attempting to tackle Godzilla — a fight I could never hope to win.

“Sharing is caring” is not an expression I would ever affiliate with secrets, as I definitely don’t want this secret to spread into a rumor.

At best, I would die trying. Sometimes being the only person who knows a secret is good. The flip side is because no one else knows, the secret makes bearing the pain all the harder.

The longer I hang onto this secret, the more other secrets start to turn up. Some of my secrets even interact with each other, forming an amalgamation that can hardly be contained.

Why must I suffer?

I know other people share my fate, learning something that can never be shared.

This knowledge is like a time bomb waiting to explode, but there’s no timer — an unspecified fuse and I’m holding the trigger.

There is no freedom for me when I think of how enslaved I am to my own secrets, by my own hesitance — where my mind holds me back, a vicious never-ending cycle.

Though my secret may be something I have to take with me to the grave, it would be nice if secrets had the life of a rumor, at least they eventually go away.

When that happens, maybe my suffering can go away as well.

Mother Nature or my ears



MARLON MALONEY
One-Man Peanut Gallery

While the rest of the world is moving toward going ‘green,’ Frito-Lay is taking a step back to deal with several customer complaints made about its biodegradable SunChips bags.

If you aren’t privy to these biodegradable bags, they are great in that they are made from plants rather than plastic, the huge selling point being that they are the “World’s first 100 percent compostable chip package.”

Unfortunately, the technology used to create the environmentally friendly bags has provided us all with an obnoxiously loud eating experience.

I first came across the bag during one of many “study” sessions with some friends during the summer. A friend of mine thought the SunChips would make for a pleasant snack to hold him over before we went out to eat.

I’m all for some background noise when I’m studying, but we were all in for a shock when the opening of the bag resulted in painfully annoying commotion.

Every time someone reached for a chip, the loud crinkling noise could be heard – good for a laugh, but irritating nonetheless.

I’ve yet to see anyone with a bag since, but I’m pretty sure I’ve heard someone walking around eating them from across a park field.

The company has begun the process of switching back to its old bags until improvements can be made in its biodegradable package quality.

... I’m pretty sure I’ve heard someone walking around with them from across a park field.

I like that Frito-Lay is trying to provide an environmentally safe product and I’m all for saving the environment, but at what cost?

Other companies have gone with greener packaging without sounding like a flock of teenyboppers clamoring for a Justin Bieber encore.

Did no one think to say, “This bag sure does make a racket. How about we go back to the drawing board?”

Buying a bag of SunChips means you actually have to think about where you are going with a bag before buying them.

Forget about snacking late at night — anyone trying to catch some Z’s would almost definitely be awakened.

Munching on some of the chips in a movie theater or the library is out of the question — security would escort you out in a heartbeat.

Even watching TV at home would be in issue because the dialogue of the show would be drowned out by the unintended clamoring of the “green bags.”

The large volume of complaints has forced the company to backtrack on its major marketing campaign that began in 2009, according to an article by the Associated Press.

I believe the saying is, “The customer’s always right.” It is a business after all and if the recession has taught us anything, it’s that businessmen and women are about the almighty dollar above all else.

In this case I agree with them. Saving the earth comes in at a distant second to competing against bothersome noises.

I applaud the effort, but with a little more patience and they could have saved themselves some trouble.

“One-Man Peanut Gallery” is a biweekly column appearing on Wednesdays.

Marlon Maloney is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor.

A tale of two idiots

Jon Stewart and Rick Sanchez are both idiots, but for different reasons.

In case you didn’t hear, CNN’s Rick Sanchez was fired from his show and the news network after being prodded by Comedy Central’s lead “news anchor.”

Last Thursday, Sanchez decided appeared on the radio show “Standup with Peter Dominick” and went on to call Jon Stewart an elitist and a bigot who hates people who aren’t at his own level.

To make matters worse, Sanchez went further by attacking the rest of the Jewish people saying they’re not an oppressed minority because they run the news networks, one of which being CNN, which Sanchez worked for.

As a result of his comments, Sanchez was soon fired from CNN for his hot-headed and racist remarks.

And this is why Rick Sanchez is an idiot.

As a professional journalist, he should know that words — be it spoken or typed on a Mac keyboard — have an impact and that he’ll have to live with what’s said and the repercussions that follow.

Rick Sanchez is an idiot for another reason. He went after Jon Stewart, a professional comedian, making Sanchez’s comments somewhat null because Stewart is an idiot, professionally.

It’s his job, and the point of his show is to poke fun at people, particularly cable news — which is something Stewart is very good at doing, being America’s unofficial court jester.

Attacking Jon Stewart for being a bigot is like saying Fox News and MSNBC are fair and balanced.

Out of the years I’ve watched “The Daily Show,” I’ve seen Jon Stewart operate by one over-



DONOVAN FARNHAM
Just Sayin'

The best defense against a Jon Stewart attack is to ignore it or laugh at yourself with him.

lying rule: If you say something stupid, he will call you on it.

This has been true for Fox and Friends, Keith Olberman, Bill O’Reilly, and a slew of other people who have taken his prodding in a somewhat more adult manner.

Because these news anchors and their respective news organizations seem to operate by a different overlying rule: Leave Jon Stewart alone.

You leave Jon Stewart alone because if you make fun of him he will come back at you harder. Like he did on Monday night’s “The Daily Show” where he compared the now out-of-work Sanchez to Steve Carrell’s “The Office” character, Michael Scott.

The comparison was complete with “The Office” theme song and Michael Scott and Sanchez saying the same stupid one-liners while their office mates make faces at the camera.

The best defense against a Jon Stewart attack is to ignore it or laugh at yourself with him, as the

newscasters on Fox News have become accustomed to doing.

I would even put money on the possibility that it’s in the Fox News reporter handbook that if Jon Stewart comments on your work then just walk away.

If Sanchez followed that same rule of walking away instead of escalating this absurd argument then he would still be employed and a reputable news anchor.

Instead, he let his ego get the best of him and ended up making waves and headlines.

“Just Sayin’” is a column appearing sporadically throughout the semester.

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BILL

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consider the material at a much higher level than regularly expected for a lower-division course, he stated.

“This makes SB 1440’s use of the word ‘similar’ somewhat unclear,” he stated. “If courses are comparable, they can be articulated. If courses are not comparable they should not be articulated.”

Van Selst stated certain courses such as economics and algebra were good examples of how SB 1440 could potentially not work.

“Economics with or without the need to have 'credit' for algebra II prior to taking the course would be one example of courses that are similar but, quite probably, do not leave the student at a comparable endpoint of knowledge,” he stated.

He said some disciplines and classes between the community college and CSU should not be considered as equivalent, but SB 1440 could potentially make this so.

“In practice, it’s going to be difficult to pull off,” Kaufman said. “I don’t think that this has percolated down to the campus level yet.”

He said the authors of this bill hope to offer these transfer degrees by the 2011-2012 school year, which means it will affect students that will be transferring to a CSU in 2013-2014 because earning a degree from a community college takes two years at least.

“A lot of students come in and they don’t know how to negotiate the system,” Kaufman said. “And they are going to meander for a year or two. Even though we have this pathway open, it doesn’t guarantee smooth sailing once they get here.”

Van Selst stated a task force to address the curricular issues inherent in SB 1440 is in the works.

“The Academic Senate of the California State University recognizes that for this project to achieve a high level of success, existing cooperative efforts between the CSU and the CCC need to be expanded,” according to a resolve letter posted on the CSU website.

The creation of a joint community college and CSU task force to address implementation questions raised by each system and to coordinate discipline-specific design for both college systems is critical for smooth implementation, according to the website.

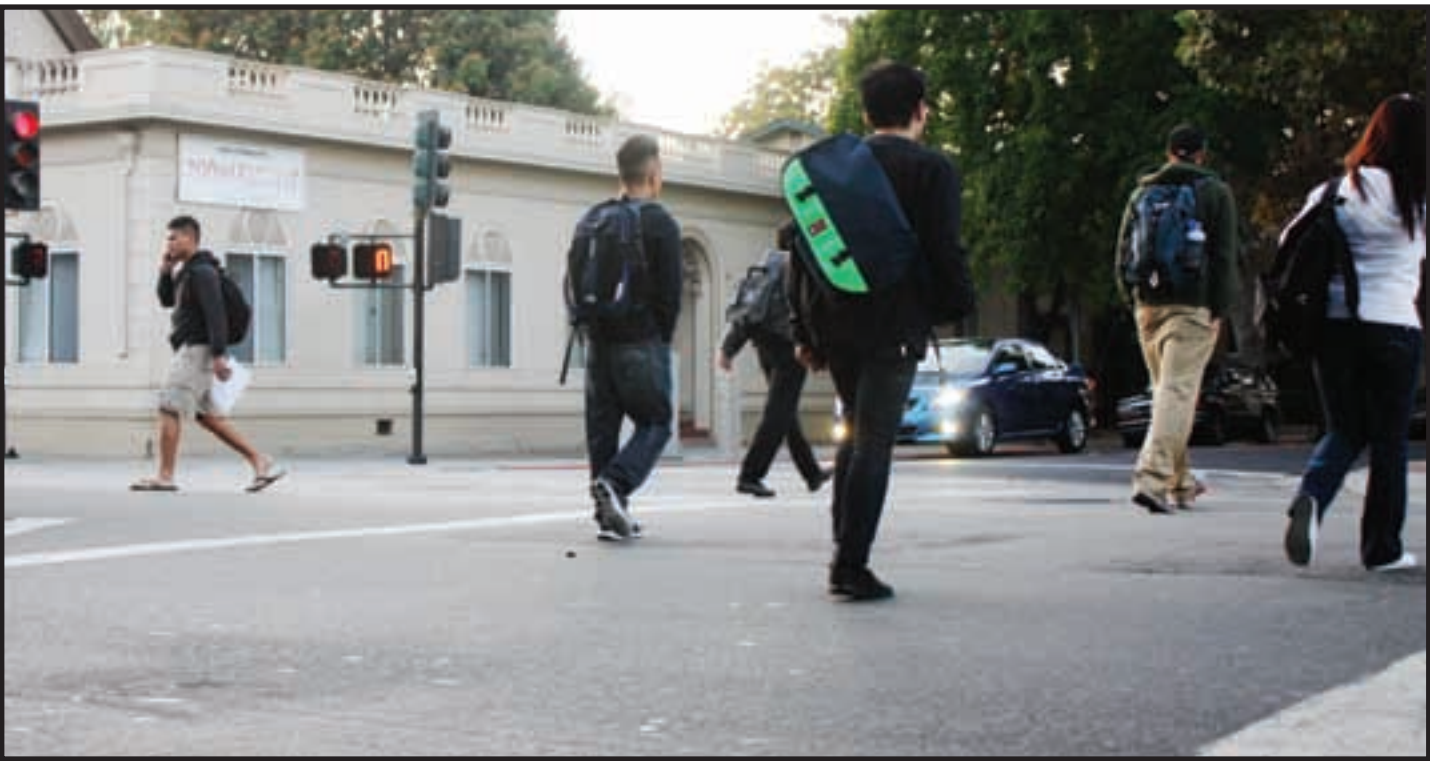


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Twelve out of 33 traffic-related fatalities in 2009 were pedestrian.

STREETS

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Senior anthropology major Anne Newman has lived in San Jose all her life said she’s never had an accident.

“We all learned in first grade to look both ways before crossing the street,” she said.

Jay-walking is defined as crossing between two controlled intersections, which limits it only to using the crosswalk without a walk signal, according to Monahan.

Crossing mid-block is walking anywhere there isn’t a safety zone, such as at

a stop sign, he said.

“It’s a problem,” Monahan said. “You have people popping up where cars don’t expect them.”

John Le, a junior business administration major, rides a longboard on campus and said he had times when unaware pedestrians caused him to fall off his board.

“When you skate and people talk on the phone and don’t hear you and move, you have to stop to miss them,” he said. “Sometimes you fall or take a curve and head dive into cement.”

UC Santa Barbara requires bicyclists to use a bike lane and pedestrians to yield to them at bike crossings, according to the uni-

versity’s website.

Sophomore marketing major Stephanie Woithe

ful to foot traffic.

“My friend got a ticket for riding his bike at UCSB and I thought it was hilarious,” she said.

UC Irvine has a policy in which bikes are prohibited in certain areas and must yield to pedestrians, according to the university website.

SJSU maintains that bicyclists ride at 5 miles per hour or less and yield to other pedestrians when foot traffic becomes heavy, according to the SJSU website.

“As long as bicycles aren’t weaving in and out through traffic and walkers,” said Natasha Morales, a freshman business marketing major. “Sometimes you can’t tell when they’re coming.”

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We all learned in first grade to look both ways before crossing the street.

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ANNE NEWMAN
Senior anthropology

said she suggested designating areas for riding bikes and skating would be help-

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